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Fire. Staten Island

► A driver in Staten Island snapped photos of the brush fire from the West Shore Expressway.

This week's combination of low humidity and high winds of up to 40 miles per hour make ideal conditions for dangerous brush fires, and a massive five-alarm blaze broke out at the Fresh Kills landfill site on Staten Island yesterday. Officials said last night the blaze could burn for days as it tears through brush and mulch, and heavy traffic delays due to the fire were reported. {page 02}

Gov. Cuomo: No future for medical pot bill in 2012

- Staten Island senator pitched law that would have made New York 17th state to legalize medicinal pot
- But governor says risks outweigh benefits {page 02}

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Voter ID drive is really about stifling voices

- Hidden-camera prankster has sinister motivations
- He's trying to restrict expression of voter liberty, not save it {page 06}

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In the news

Bar fight in Williamsburg

Condo owners in Williamsburg are angry over Williamsburg Manor, a proposed bar on North First Street. Alexander Dimitrov, owner of Mehanata nightclub on the Lower East Side, wants to convert a warehouse into a party venue, according to The Brooklyn Paper. But 50 residents shot down Dimitrov's plan at a Community Board 1 meeting last week, saying the bar will bring noisy crowds.

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In the news



Baldwin stalker

Canadian actress Genevieve Sabourin, 40, was arrested after she showed up outside Alec Baldwin's Manhattan apartment Sunday night in an attempt to speak to him, for the third time in two weeks. TMZ reported she started texting and e-mailing Baldwin asking to borrow money and claiming she wants to have his baby. She was charged with stalking.

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Medical pot blown out

► Governor says he doesn't see legalization happening this year ► A Staten Island senator said she is still hoping to change his mind ► The bill would allow marijuana for the seriously ill



GETTY IMAGES

► A state senator from Staten Island proposed legalizing medical marijuana, saying both of her parents would have benefited from it while they were fighting cancer.

Legal here

Here are the 16 states, plus the District of Columbia, where medical marijuana is now legal:

- ▶ Alaska
- ▶ Arizona
- ▶ California
- ▶ Colorado
- ▶ Delaware
- ▶ Hawaii
- ▶ Nevada
- ▶ New Jersey
- ▶ New Mexico
- ▶ Maine
- ▶ Michigan
- ▶ Montana
- ▶ Oregon
- ▶ Rhode Island
- ▶ Vermont
- ▶ Washington

Foes speak up

"My position has been that there are tremendous risks here ... I understand the benefits, but there are also risks, and I think the risks outweigh the benefits at this point."

GOV. ANDREW CUOMO

Don't hold your breath for medical marijuana to become legalized in New York state soon, as Gov. Andrew Cuomo snuffed out any hope of that yesterday.

The governor spoke to reporters yesterday, saying that he doesn't think legalizing medical marijuana will happen this year.

"I understand the benefits, but there are also risks, and I think the risks outweigh the benefits at this point," Cuomo told reporters, according to Capital Tonight.

He went on to add, "I don't think there's going to be time this legislative session to analyze that issue."

After last summer, when gay marriage was legalized in the state, many were hoping

medicinal pot might be the next big announcement.

But Staten Island state Sen. Diane Savino told Metro last night she has not lost hope.

"This particular bill is a prescription for disaster. This type of bill has been a failure everywhere it has been tried and in actuality will simply legalize marijuana."

QUEENS COUNCILMAN PETER VALLONE, IN A STATEMENT EARLIER THIS YEAR

Savino co-sponsored the state bill to legalize medical marijuana. Right now, medical marijuana is legal in New Jersey, along with 15 other

states.

"He's not saying no," she told Metro of Cuomo's public reservations. "He's expressing a concern he has, which he's been consistent about."

But Savino also cautioned that pushing the bill through by June, when the legislative session ends, might be a task too daunting for Albany.

"I would be deluding myself if I thought we were going to be able to do this by the end of the legislative session," she said.

Savino added that she'd be "thrilled" if it passes by June, but, "I won't be surprised if it takes a little bit more time."

Proponents of medical marijuana say that it can help people struggling with crippling illnesses, helping to alleviate

pain and other symptoms in patients that are not solved by other medications.

Savino has said that both of her late parents were unable to be treated for chronic pain while fighting cancer, and that medical marijuana would have helped them.

Her bill would allow seriously ill patients to buy the drug through a registered facility with a doctor's approval. Patients could possess no more than 2.5 ounces at a time.

But critics of the bill maintain that the bill's language is not specific enough and worry that the drug might fall into the wrong hands.

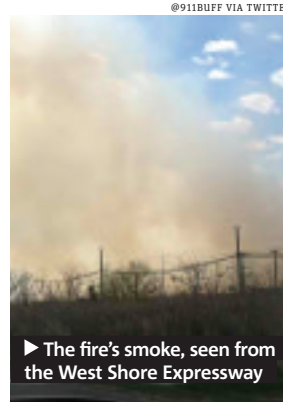
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Dry air, high winds cause Staten Island brush fire

STATEN ISLAND. A fast-moving, five-alarm brush fire on Staten Island may burn for the next few days, fire officials warned. The fire, stretching for a half-mile, broke out at the Fresh Kills landfill yesterday afternoon and caused a traffic nightmare on the island. One driver reported seeing flames jump across the West Shore Expressway. Another reported not being able to see more than 20 feet in front of his car.

"We're going to be here through the night or a couple of days," Deputy Assistant Chief Michael Marrone told the New York Post last night.

There were also brush fires in Long Island and in southern New Jersey yesterday. METRO/CB



► The fire's smoke, seen from the West Shore Expressway

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Residents report hearing gunshots in Hell's Kitchen

HELL'S KITCHEN. Residents said they were shocked to hear what sounded like gunshots fired just off Ninth Avenue at West 45th Street at about 10:30 Sunday night.

Several shots rang out before a group of about 20 youths scattered just before police arrived. Officers on the scene said the incident could be related to gang initiations

"I couldn't imagine that happening in that neighborhood."

TREVOR REID, HEARD SHOTS FROM A 45TH STREET APARTMENT

reserved for Easter Sunday. In years past, the Times Square area has seen gang-related violence known as "wilding" on Easter Sunday. METRO/CG

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A man on a bicycle lifted his mallet and blasted a street hockey ball between two orange cones for the game-winning goal.

The players converge every Sunday, and sometimes on Thursdays, at "The Pit" — an asphalt court on the corner of Chrystie and Broome streets in Chinatown — for a pickup game of 3-on-3 bike polo. The

"There's a steep learning curve, but it's one of those things where once you catch the bug you're hooked."

SEAN MCCORMACK

game involves pedaling quickly, stopping and starting on a dime, and occasionally colliding into each other.

Bike polo is similar to equestrian polo, except that the playing space is much smaller and light contact is allowed. Occasionally, someone will break a finger or lose a tooth, players admit. But that hasn't stopped the sport from taking off in



► Participants play a game of bike polo at "The Pit" at Sara D. Roosevelt Park in Chinatown.

popularity.

"It's one of those things where once you catch the bug you're hooked," said Sean McCormack, a freelance photographer who drove 15,000 miles last year just to play in bike polo tournaments.

He called "The Pit" a fabled court that is "almost the mecca of the East Coast."

The sport was invented in Ireland in the 1890s. But it fell out of favor until a group of Seattle bike messengers formed a new incarnation in the late 1990s. Today, it is played in more than 300 cities worldwide. ● JESSE GREENSPAN

Watch 'em play

► Looking for a cheap way to spend your Sunday? Games are held every Sunday at "The Pit" from 2 p.m. until dark, and benches surround the court.

► They also sometimes play on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Tuesday games are held at various courts in Brooklyn, and Thursday matches can either be in Brooklyn or at the court in Chinatown.

► On a normal Sunday, about 12 to 20 bike enthusiasts head down to the "The Pit."

► Many more play at tournaments, such as the upcoming East Side Polo Invitational, which will pit a team from New York City against teams from Boston; Washington, D.C.; Richmond, Va.; Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. The tournament will be held in New York this weekend.

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Breitbart.com attack dog James O’Keefe released the latest in his series of misleading “gotcha” videos yesterday, evidently exposing the need for voter ID laws by capturing one of his operatives committing said fraud.

In the new hidden camera video, an actor requests and nearly receives a ballot for U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder, who opposes ID laws. (Instead of taking the ballot, a federal crime, he leaves under the pretense of grabbing his ID.)

O’Keefe contrasts the ease of receiving a fraudulent ballot with video of Holder saying



► U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder

the issue is “a problem that does not exist” and that “there is no proof” that it does. The video prankster’s message is clear: Here’s the proof that voter ID laws are needed to prevent this pernicious evil.

Of course, nonpartisan law institute Brennan Center for Justice points out “that voter fraud is essentially irrational,” “that no credible evidence suggests a voter fraud epidemic” and that “it happens approximately 0.0009 percent of the time,” a statistically negligible level. Others note that one vote holds very little sway and

that the consequences of subverting democracy can be quite harsh. (A \$10,000 fine, five years in prison.) The logic behind an organized voter fraud campaign, therefore, would be exceptionally thin.

But then, this whole ginned-up controversy was never about protecting the sanctity of the voting box. What O’Keefe and his allies take pains to neglect is the fact that voter ID laws tend to disproportionately affect the poor and minorities, who may not

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have access to proper identification. And these demographics are known to reliably support Democrats. There is no evidence to suggest that such fraud is a problem; but for the GOP, minority voters do pose a problem come November.

O’Keefe and Breitbart.com continue the right-wing tradition of “proving” to voters that government doesn’t work ... by breaking it themselves. (“We must start unwinnable foreign wars! Oh no, look at this deficit!”) What matters to these fraudsters is winning; and if the price of victory is minority disenfranchisement, so much the better.

Let’s just be honest: Their motivations are anything but.

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Katy Perry is 'tired' of her fabricated fame

Oh boo-hoo: **Katy Perry**, one of the most manufactured pop stars of the past decade, is fed up with fame, according to Teen Vogue. "I'm tired of being famous already! But I'm not tired of creating. Fame is, I think, just a disgusting by-product of what I do," Perry tells the magazine. "It's a delicate creature — a wild animal of sorts. It can love you, and then it can attack you. But really, I stopped focusing on what other people think a while ago."

Oh, so you wearing an ice cream bra, marrying a superfamous actor and then divorcing him, riding "Teenage Dream" into the ground until it yielded as many No. 1 singles as "Thriller" and then recently releasing yet another version of that 2010 album ("Teenage Dream: The Complete Confection") are all ploys to keep you under the radar? Yes, that totally makes sense.

Being famous and then complaining about being famous is so tiring. You can give it all up and live in a yurt, you know. It's not that hard to not be a celebrity anymore. Just look at **Tiffany**. You can do that, too!



► **Katy Perry** says she's tired of being famous. Anyone else tired of that lie?

Lopez is the ultimate sugar mama

When it comes to her boy toy's birthday, **Jennifer Lopez**, 42, really goes big. The singer reportedly gifted beau/backup dancer **Casper Smart** with a custom white Dodge pickup truck for his 25th birthday, according to People magazine. Lopez "knew that Casper really wanted a truck, and Casper was very excited about the generous gift," a source says. "Casper was so excited about his new truck that he decided to drive it to dinner. She was smiling about Casper's excitement."

OK, first of all, whoever this "source" is needs to stop sounding like a quote-giving robot; no one talks like that. Second, considering how much shilling she's been doing for Fiat, it's surprising Lopez would buy American. Third: Isn't dating Jennifer Lopez a gift enough? Smart better not get greedy.



Lopez likes to buy her boys toys.

The feed ...

► Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Jessica Simpson is hoping for a last-minute boost in magazine sales and Conan O'Brien is not impressed with himself.

@JessicaSimpson
Last chance to see me "fat" aka PREGNANT on the cover of Elle :) I loved this shoot, only on stands for a few more days!!!

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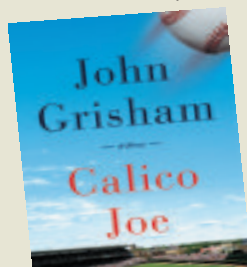
Play (and read) ball!

- From biographies to Grisham's latest, 'tis the season for baseball books
- Here are eight titles that make for a great lineup — for your bookshelf

'Calico Joe'

By John Grisham

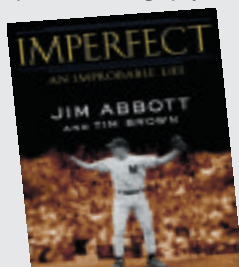
America's most well-known writer of legal thrillers tries his hand at a novel about baseball. The namesake of the book, Joe Castle, is a young player called up to the majors, who immediately excels before an accident changes everything. It's sappy, but fans of "Field of Dreams" will eat it up.



'Imperfect: An Improbable Life'

By Jim Abbott and Tim Brown

You'd be hard-pressed to find a more inspiring story in sports history than that of Abbott, who was born with no right hand. Yankees fans remember his no-hitter from 1993, but read about the struggle it took to get to the majors and the many he inspired in this biography.



'Hack's 191: Hack Wilson and His Incredible 1930 Season'

By Bill Chastain

Hack Wilson might have had the greatest single season in MLB history in 1930, yet very few people have even heard of him. The



5-foot-6 Wilson hit 56 homers and drove in a record 191 runs that season, but forget the absurdity of those numbers and realize Wilson's best friend was Al Capone and he spent every night in Chicago's Prohibition-era speakeasies getting drunk and brawling with patrons.

'Summer of '68: The Season that Changed Baseball — and America — Forever'

By Tim Wendel

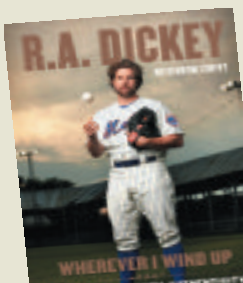
If you're looking for the combination of the greatest year of baseball and most incendiary in American culture, here's your winner. "Summer of '68" is wound around historical events, such as the assassinations of Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert Kennedy while St. Louis Cardinals pitcher Bob Gibson (probably the greatest African-American pitcher ever) blew away records as race riots raged.



'Wherever I Wind Up: My Quest for Truth, Authenticity and the Perfect Knuckleball'

By R.A. Dickey and Wayne Coffey

There's just something about knuckleballers that makes them fascinating. Dickey was a heralded draft pick in 1996, only to fail a physical when a team doctor found out he had no ulnar collateral ligament in his right, pitching arm. Good news: He would never need Tommy John surgery. Bad news: Doctors didn't know how he could even throw a ball, let alone pitch. Dickey writes about his transition to becoming the current master of the knuckleball in MLB.



Extra innings

- 'Driving Mr. Yogi: Yogi Berra, Ron Guidry, and Baseball's Greatest Gift' By Harvey Araton
This is the story of baseball's most-quotable character and his unlikely friendship with Yankees legend Ron Guidry.
- 'Out of My League' By Dirk Hayhurst
Ever wonder what it would be like if you were a journeyman minor leaguer? Of course not. You dream of being Nolan Ryan, not Dirk Hayhurst. Hayhurst's second book details his six-year journey to the majors in honest detail.
- 'Season of '42: Joe D., Teddy Ballgame, and Baseball's Fight to Survive a First Year of War' By Jack Kavanaugh
Though it won't be out until next month, the Pulitzer prize-nominated Kavanaugh's book is already hotly anticipated. The battle between the Yankees and Red Sox, led by their stars Joe DiMaggio and Ted Williams, is set against the backdrop of America's entrance into World War II.

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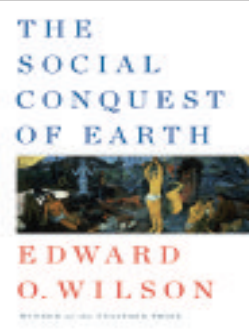


Biologist E.O. Wilson takes on human behavior

At the outset of his new book, "The Social Conquest of Earth," biologist E.O. Wilson takes an admiring look at Paul Gauguin's "Where Do We Come From? What Are We? Where Are We Going?," the artist's 12-foot-wide Tahitian masterpiece.

"I was enchanted by that," Wilson says. "This great artist has got it; he knows that these are the great questions of religion and philosophy, and few people have been willing to state them so baldly. And I said, let's see if we can answer those questions."

His attempt, in partnership with two Harvard mathematicians, is spelled out in a new and controversial theory of human evolution. One of the world's preeminent biologists, Wilson is no stranger to controversy, and at 82 has lived to



see many of his most radical theories become common knowledge.

"I go farther, I think, than anyone has gone before in trying to provide a biological explanation for the origins of some of the most important human behaviors that have also been considered the most elusive or indefinable," Wilson explains. "That includes morality, honor, religion and creative arts."

The book's tale encompasses our earliest human ancestors, Biblical stories, early

music and even Wilson's beloved ants. In the end, though, from this complicated saga of biological evolution and competing impulses, Wilson hopes for one very simply stated goal: "A more enlightened, secular view of the world."

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TV watch list

'Justified'

DRAMA. The entirety of Season 3 has been leading to this: Trigger-happy marshal Raylan facing off with Detroit gangster Quarles and Harlan County crime lord Limehouse. **Season finale, 10 p.m., FX**

'Glee'

COMEDY. "White Collar" star Matt Bomer guest stars as Blaine's equally talented, just as dreamy older brother. Of course, we're talking about Matt Bomer, so those attributes were a given. **Midseason premiere, 8 p.m., Fox**

'Shannen Says'

REALITY. "90210" star Shannen Doherty, whom we would have pegged as a total bridezilla, turns out to be kind of normal as cameras tag along while she plans her wedding. **Series premiere, 10 p.m., WEtv**

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Here comes a Howler

Howler is a band from Minnesota whose singer loves The Replacements. But the fact that those '80s pioneers of college rock were also from Minnesota doesn't mean that singer Jordan Gatesmith heard them on the radio when he was a kid. "I discovered them because my best friend growing up, his little brother was best friends with [Mats singer] Paul Westerberg's son," says Gatesmith.

Howler's debut, "America Give Up" shares that don't-give-a-damn ragged approach to rock that made their hometown predecessors unique. There's also a touch of Jesus and Mary Chain and Strokes cool-guy-in-a-leather-jacket delivery, but what makes the band original is Gatesmith's



Howler perform tonight at the Knitting Factory Brooklyn and tomorrow night at the Mercury Lounge. For more info visit bk.knittingfactory.com and www.mercuryloungenyc.com

fun approach to lyrics.

On "Back of Your Neck," he sings, "You think we're Bonnie and Clyde, but both of them f—ing died."

"I'm a geek," he says with casual self-deprecation. "I am

sort of literary. I read a lot. I'm not saying that I'm an intellectual by any means, but I love words."



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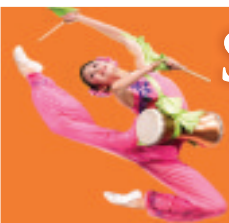
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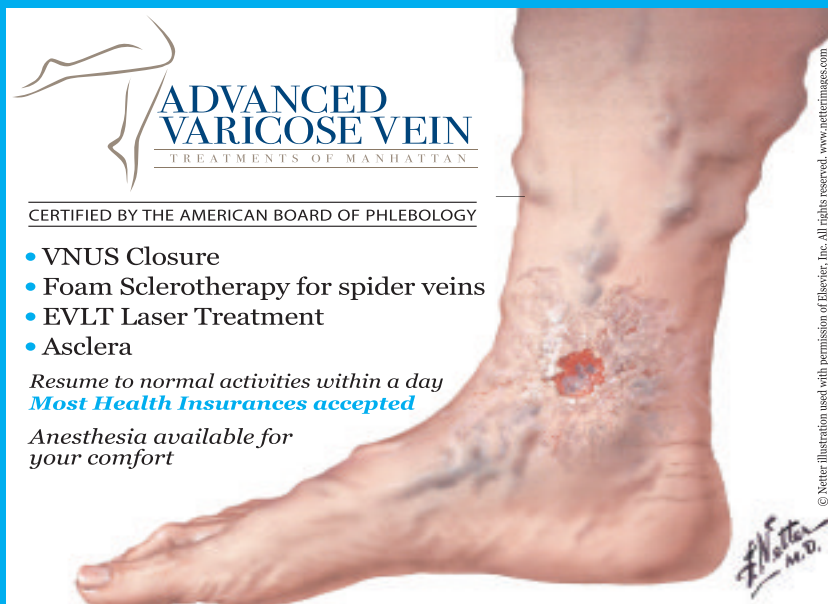
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What to do if you suspect child abuse

Child abuse happens more often than you might think. But how is it characterized, and what can you do if you suspect that a child is at risk?

"Abuse is an epidemic problem," says Mary Pulido, executive director of The New York Society

How to report abuse

If you see a child being abused on the street, or hear a child screaming in pain, call 911.

"Police are trained to respond to sensitive calls," Pulido says.

If, as a concerned friend or neighbor, you have a suspicion that a child is being abused, call the child abuse hotline. Every state has an abuse hotline. In New York, the number is (800) 342-3720.

"You're going to be anxious while making the report," Pulido says. "[But] it's very important that you're doing it. Due to your intervention, you can be saving a life."



Pulido

for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. It's different from neglect, which is the absence of care from a parent or guardian — like when children are left alone in a car or not getting the medicines they need. Abuse is on the opposite side of the continuum, when a parent or guardian is intentionally hurting a child.

Although Pulido notes that sometimes it's difficult to distinguish whether an injury comes from playing or from abuse, she says that there are ways you can tell if something is amiss.

"[Abuse] is not a one-shot deal, usually," Pulido says. "You're going to see bruises in different stages of healing," she says.

Where the child is bruised is another consideration.

"When you fall, it's usually on the palms of your hands and knees," Pulido says. "Injuries on the arms or stomach are suspicious." For infants, any injury requires further inquiry.

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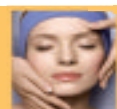


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May the jobs be ever in your favor?

I just saw "Hunger Games." Was I the only one who saw an Occupy Wall Street metaphor, with the 1 percent enjoying their extravagant pleasures at the expense of the 99 percent?

RICHARD JUNGHANS, VIA E-MAIL

Media echo chamber obscures the truth

RE: "POLITICS: POINT ...": Mr. Blong's letter is merely a repeat of President Obama's lies and distortions about the GOP budget. I find it amazing that the mainstream media doesn't even bother to question any of his outrageous claims, so it is no wonder Blong would repeat it point for point. The real reason Obama opposes this budget is because it pre-

vents him from continuing the unlimited spending that he enjoyed when the Democrats ruled the House. This spending spree has escalated our total debt in the three years under Obama higher than during the eight years that Bush raised the deficit. The Democrats have been spreading the doom and gloom message about Social Security and Medicare over the last 20 years to scare senior citizens. It didn't work then and it won't work now.

WAYNE SARGENT, MANVILLE, NJ

Right wing spreads misinformation, too!

RE: "... AND COUNTERPOINT": In the USA it is wonderful that we have the liberty to have a free press and the ability to engage it. However, it does not mean the press should

not censor the clearly delusional post by Kevin McCloskey. To print a letter to the editor with paranoid nonsense such as RFID implants and FEMA concentration camps is irresponsible by Metro. We all deserve a voice in a democracy but there are limits. Insanity deserves treatment and not an outlet. **ALAN JASIE, NEW YORK**

Please don't print any more paranoid delusions from the misinformed! Mr. McCloskey's letter made no sense and was an insult to the conservative point of view! If Mr. McCloskey understood any of the epithets he threw at the Obama administration ("Totalitarian Marxist Stalinist State!") then he would know that a Marxist would have nationalized the banks and auto industries, instead of giving

them government guaranteed loans so they could stay in private hands.

KATHLEEN KOURIAN, VIA E-MAIL

Kevin McCloskey's humorous letter illustrates how the GOP and Tea Partiers would have you believe utter nonsense. His wonderful hyperbole reads like a mainstream right-wing talk show script.

BRIAN BECK, VIA E-MAIL

When your political party supports the wealthiest 1 percent, you may have a problem getting elected by a majority of voters. One way to fix this is to associate fearful concepts with the opposing political party. It doesn't matter if there is any basis in fact, or even an understanding of the concepts; just associate things like socialism, "Nazi Germany" or forced medical procedures with your rivals. It doesn't even matter if members of your political affiliation are proposing legislation that includes state-sanctioned, forced, invasive medical procedures!

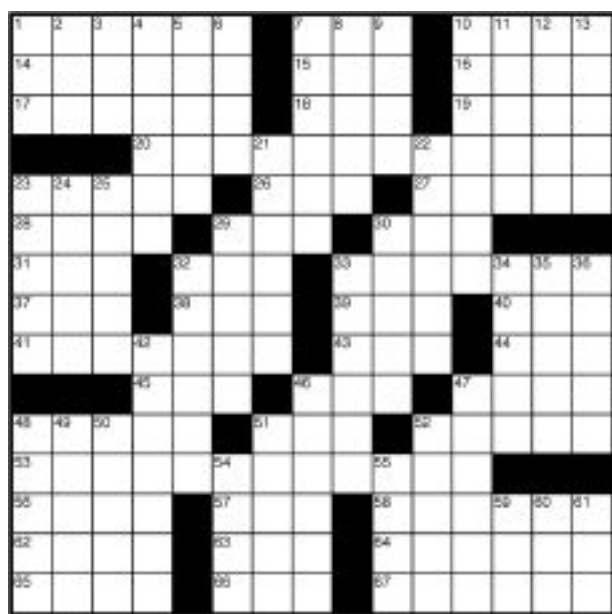
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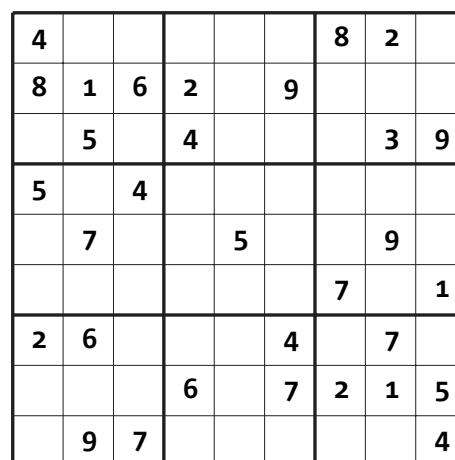


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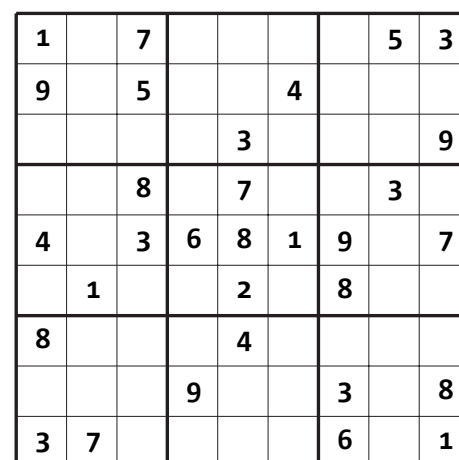


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Hang locally

For Bourdain, the best experiences are the ones spent with the locals — the people who don't know who he is and what he does.

► "The people who don't understand why the camera men are not eating and drinking. ... Those are the best times," he says.

Cutting American cuisine some slack

Bourdain said Americans can be forgiven for their lapses when it comes to food. According to Bourdain, Americans lost touch with its roots in the country's moment of wealth.

"We're a young country," he says. "We don't have a culture that's un-conflicted about food as Italy, Spain or France. ... I'm actually hopeful and optimistic about the way things are going in American dining culture."

► Celebrity chef Anthony Bourdain kicks off the eighth season of his hit show ► Despite his signature snark, he says no location has disappointed him

Anthony Bourdain might just have the best job in the world. In the eighth season of "Anthony Bourdain: No Reservations" the chef takes his audience on a tour of 15 locations throughout six continents.

Throughout the season, which airs on Mondays at 9 p.m. on the Travel Channel, Bourdain plays with a venomous king cobra snake in Penang; is gouged, cupped and drained of blood by a Finnish

"The place reveals itself to us. You can't write a script and try to conform your experiences to preconceptions."

BOURDAIN

massage therapist; rides a BMX bike on a beach in Mexico; and is kidnapped by The Black Keys.

While Bourdain claims there were no high-security

moments so far this season, all of his adventures carry some element of danger.

He recalls his trip to Beirut, Lebanon, in 2006: "When you're filming with expensive cameras in a place where people are very hungry, and a few dollars makes a difference of life and death, it can understandably get very tense."

Bourdain says he has one guiding principle when choosing the lineup of countries to visit: Where can he go that interests him and excites him?

"If traveling around the world and being a guest of people [is a job], if it's not interesting and fun to me, I don't see any reason it would be interesting or fun to anybody else."

His formula is simple: Travel, eat, experience — and then write.

"The place reveals itself to us," he explains. "You can't write a script and [then] try to conform your experiences to preconceptions."

Season 8 kicks off in Mozambique, where Bourdain was pleasantly surprised: "The food was amazing. I came out feeling hopeful of the world."



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Knicks on a Midwest trek

- ▶ Rematch with Bulls comes first, followed by seed battle with Bucks
- ▶ 'Melo coming off star turn Sunday

The Knicks were given the day off Monday to recuperate from Sunday's emotional win over the Bulls.

Following the thrilling and improbable overtime victory, the Knicks now embark on a difficult stretch in hopes of holding onto their current spot at No. 7 in the Eastern Conference playoffs standings.

Their trek begins tonight in

a rematch against the Bulls in Chicago. It doesn't get easier the following night when the Knicks (29-27) travel to Milwaukee to face a Bucks (28-28) team that is nipping on the heels of playoff contention.

"I'm trying to use these next few games as a playoff atmosphere. Especially [Chicago] because there's a chance we could see them again in the first round," said Woodson after Sunday's win. "Right now I'm not even thinking ahead of that. We're trying to take it one game at a time. When we get them again I'm sure they're going to be fired up with having Rose back in uniform."

Carmelo Anthony, who finished with a game-high 43 points, played arguably his best game in a Knicks uniform in Sunday's win.

"There's a lot of work to do, but you have to start from somewhere [because] the playoffs is our goal," said Anthony. "As long as we continue to play the way we've been playing these last few games, with this effort, we'll be fine. ... It could be any one of us to step up un-

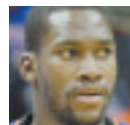
Linsanity update

Jeremy Lin spoke with the media prior to Sunday's game and said what most everyone already knew. He doubts he'll be ready for the first round of the playoffs.

"It depends on how far and how long [rehab] goes. But obviously I want to get to 100 percent and then come back, hopefully see what I can do. By then it'll be a different team identity, chemistry, so it gets tricky, too. ... I'm doing everything I can to get back as soon as possible."



▶ Anthony walks off the Madison Square Garden court after hitting the game-winner Sunday.



"We can't let any team come into the Garden and shine out."

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til key guys get healthy."

Woodson said he's proud of his squad mostly because of the way they fight through adversity.

"I'm just anxious to see how we step up and meet the challenge," he said. "We won't

get a chance to practice much where we have 10 bodies running up and down the floor because we're not healthy, so most of it is film sessions and walkthroughs on the floor. ... We're doing a lot of things on the fly because of the lack of time so it'll be interesting to see [how the team responds]."

TONY WILLIAMS
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In the news

Saints denied

The Saints learned an obvious lesson yesterday — when you appeal to the same person who made the initial ruling, you're going to lose.

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell upheld his own ruling in suspending Saints coach Sean Payton for the entire season due to the bounty system his defense employed. GM Mickey Loomis and assistant Joe Vitt had their penalties upheld as well.

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